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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Sir:

This Amendment After Final Rejection is being filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 26, 2004, in the above-identified application.

An extension of time and a Notice of Appeal from the Final Office Action dated July 26, 2004, with appropriate fees, are being filed concurrently.

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and remarks.